



Upper Lynn PAC

Upper Lynn Parent Advisory Council Annual General Meeting – May 24, 2017 Meeting called to order @ 7:05 p.m.

PAC Executive in Attendance: Christie Owen, Megan Ezart, Aran Clarke, Mary Ann Bell, Leslie Jaremchuk, Kate Watson, Jess Sprowson, Angie Thitchener

Regrets:

- **School Administration in Attendance:** Joan Martins, Ilona Wardas
- **Call to Order:** Christie Owens @ 7:05 pm
- **Review and Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt agenda made by Christie Owens seconded by Mary Ann Bell.

1. Message from School Administration by Joan Martin and Ilona Wardas:

- At this point looking at a large Kindergarten class of approximately 77 students.
- Due to the large Kindergarten class and the changes in class size and composition rules, administration and teachers are currently working through the number of divisions that will be required in 2017/2018. There will likely be at least two new divisions.
- Will likely need to use the sensory room and/or music room as a classroom. At this point, do not foresee the need for portables at Upper Lynn. The next step (if needed) would be to use the multi-purpose room.
- Discussion of retiring teachers – Ms. Brook for example. Hiring in progress to replace retirees and to fill the new divisions but teachers in high demand in all school districts due to class size and composition changes
- Joan Martins, Principle – retiring at end of this year. A replacement has not yet been confirmed.

2. Carnival Updates

- Still desperately in need of volunteers for the event. Especially for the BBQ. Going to post once again on FB and send out in email newsletter.
- Discussion around how difficult it has been to recruit volunteers for all events this year. Debate on whether it is an option to have people pay a fee instead of volunteering. Also,

could we get Argyle students to volunteer at events?

3. Talent Show Update

- Michael not in attendance but other attendees said preparation going well. Discussion around entrance fee and whether to increase the VIP seating rates.

4. After School Programs

- After school programs are winding down but we are looking for ideas for next year.
- Sole Girls will be returning – likely two cohort – one for K-3 and another for 4-7.

5. Year End Financial Report and Budget

- Will report back at beginning of year on the final budget results as have not finished recording the final results of the Carnival and the Talent Show.
- Approved a \$2500 pilot for a gardening field trip program for each division to visit Loutet Farm.
- Combined the library shelves improvement budget with the overall library budget.
- Approved \$1000 towards the Argyle fund.
- Discussion around next steps and budget for fixing the mud pit at front of school. Decided to revisit in the fall once we better understand the impact of the additional divisions on the administration and PAC budgets.

6. 2017/2018 Executive Election

- All current PAC Executive: Christie Owens, Megan Ezart, Mary Ann Bell, Leslie Jaremchuk, Kate Watson, Jess Sprowson, Tony Haller, Aran Clarke, Caroline Chambers were re-voted and elected to the same positions.
- Holly Castle was elected to co-manage the After School programs with Caroline Chambers

7. Volunteers

- Brief discussion on volunteer positions required for the following year. Hot Lunch reps and class reps.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 p.m.